

COMMISSION MEETING
JUNE 7TH, 2021

Chairman Ben Fox called the regular meeting of the Greenwood County Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. Other members present were Roy Ballard, Paul Hodge, Robert Joe Morgan, Chuck Spradlin, County Clerk Kathy Robison and County Counselor Paul Dean.

Commissioners led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Following a revision, Commissioner Spradlin moved to accept June 1, 2021 minutes as written. Commissioner Ballard seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

Road and Bridge report:

- The Bitler Bridge project is nearly finished.
- Commissioner Fox inquired about the estimated finish time of the Reece road bridge project; Darrel responded that he expected said project to be finished this week.
- A brief discussion ensued regarding alternative routes for Christian Hills Bridge.
- County contracted engineer Michael Maris informed commissioners the final construction cost for the Bitler Bridge project will be under budget.
- Maris reported that a contractor is slated to start repairs on a bridge near Madison in the next two months, which will take approximately 8 weeks.
- Maris is slated to start bridge inspections in the next two weeks.
- Maris informed commissions that a detour to the east of Christian Hills Bridge is not feasible, due to the amount of permits required and other materials needed to undertake such a project. Maris then offered State Street/P Road, L Road and J Road as alternate routes. Commissioner Ballard suggested that rather than facing the expense of constructing a detour, those funds should be utilized to improve conditions of current alternate routes.
- Commissioner Ballard asked if Maris had received anything from FEMA in regards to the Hazel Russel Bridge. Chrisman stated they are still waiting. Emergency Management Director Levi Vinson is slated to look into the matter.
- Greenwood County resident Scott McFadden asked commissioners if the county could make repairs and trim trees on L Road if it was going to be an alternate route. Chrisman stated they had plans to make repairs, improve visibility and add speed limit signs.
- Darrel informed commissioners he had a new hire pending for Recycling and Landfill.
- Paul Dean stated that the Lyon/Greenwood County line road is in need of repair.
- Commissioner Hodge asked if Darrel had scheduled a Road Grader training class. Chrisman expressed he would like to but had not made any progress in the matter.

Commissioner Spradlin moved to accept payables in the amount of \$15,185.41. Commissioner Morgan seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

County Treasurer Donna Olson presented a request for the purchase of 5 new computers in the amount of \$6,445. Commissioner Spradlin moved to approve said request. Commissioner Hodge seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Fox moved to approve a ten minute executive session with Sheriff Heath Samuels for employee performance. Commissioner Hodge seconded. The motion carried 5-0. Commissioners reconvened at 10:03 a.m. No decisions were made.

Sheriff Samuels proposed a benefit offset program which would pay employees equally for their worth. Samuels recommended that those on single insurance, employee spouse or employee child plans would be paid additional income to offset what the county is paying for family plans. Commissioners are slated to look into the matter. Samuels then informed the commission that an employee had recently approached him concerning the accrual of vacation days as stated in the employee handbook. The problem was the verbiage therein. County Counselor Paul Dean explained why the verbiage should remain as is. Dean expressed concerns in regards to selling back unused vacation time stating that this policy was put in place to provide flexibility during staffing shortages, in particular for emergency services.

Commissioner Hodge moved to adjourn at 10:18 a.m. Commissioner Ballard seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

The next commission meeting will be held on Monday, June 14th, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

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ATTEST: Kathy Robinson
Kathy Robinson, County Clerk

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Ben Fox, Chairman

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Roy Ballard, Vice Chairman

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Chuck Spradlin, Member

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Paul Hodge, Member

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Robert Joe Morgan, Member